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SUBJECT: (C/NF) ASSESSMENT OF GUATEMALAN MILITARY AND  
THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT COLOM (C-AL9-01635)

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Classified By: MICHAEL P. OWENS, ACTING DIR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

11. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE FOLLOWING GUATEMALA'S  
POLITICAL SITUATION IN LIGHT OF THE HONDURAS POLITICAL CRISIS  
INVOLVING THE MILITARY-ASSISTED OUSTER OF PRESIDENT ZELAYA  
AND APPRECIATE POST'S REPORTING ON THE ISSUE. WE ARE  
INTERESTED IN COLOM'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MILITARY IN LIGHT  
OF REFTEL THAT COLOM BELIEVED HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS WERE  
PLOTTING A "DESTABILIZATION PLAN" THAT WOULD INVOLVE HIS OWN  
ASSASSINATION. AS TIME AND RESOURCES ALLOW, WE WOULD WELCOME  
POST'S INSIGHT INTO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. MANY THANKS FROM  
WASHINGTON.

--(S/NF) HOW HAS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GUATEMALAN  
MILITARY AND COLOM CHANGED SINCE THE OUSTER OF ZELAYA, IF AT  
ALL?

--(S/NF) WHICH OF COLOM,S POLITICAL OPPONENTS HAVE CLOSE  
RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY'S HIGH COMMAND?

12. (U) PLEASE CITE C-AL9-01635 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF  
REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.  
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